

Rt. Wor. Prov. G. Master.

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Provincial Grand Lodge of  
Mark Master Masons  
Worcestershire

The Right Wor. Bro. WILLIAM THOMAS PAGE, F.G.C.  
Provincial Grand Master.

The Wor. Bro. Dr. PERCY AUSTIN RODEN, P.P.G.W.  
Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Dear Sir and Brother,

By command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be holden under the Banner of Perseverance Lodge, No. 733, at the Masonic Rooms, Halesowen, on Saturday, 3rd November, 1928, at 3.0 o'clock.

All present and past Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, together with the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Overseers of the several Lodges in the Province, are hereby summoned to attend (in full Dress Mark Clothing) the duties of the said Provincial Grand Lodge.

All Mark Master Masons are invited to attend.

Yours fraternally,

H. V. STANTON, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G.W.  
Provincial Grand Secretary.

Ivy Lodge, Hagley Road, Stourbridge,  
13th October, 1928. Telephone: 92.

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Provincial Grand Officers unable to attend are specially requested to forward their Jewels to the Provincial Grand Secretary before the 31st Oct. 1928, failing which they will be subject to a fine of Two Guineas. Bye-Law IV.

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A Luncheon will be provided at the Masonic Rooms, Halesowen, at 1.30 o'clock.  
Tickets 7/6 each, inclusive.

Brethren intending to be present at the Luncheon must please communicate with Bro. F. Hollyhoke, Kelham, Halesowen, on or before 30th October, 1928.

MORNING DRESS AND WHITE GLOVES.

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Midland Red Buses stop at Church Street, Halesowen.

There is room for Cars at the Masonic Rooms.

Business

The Brethren of the various Lodges will assemble in the Lodge Room at 3.0 p.m.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and his Officers will enter in procession.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 3.15 p.m. precisely.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and Officers, present and past of the Grand Lodge of England, will be saluted.

The Circular convening the Meeting will be read.

The Minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge will be read for confirmation.

Apologies for absence will be announced.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Wor. Bro. Dr. Percy Austin Roden, P.F.G.W. will be obligated and invested. **(Proclamation and Salute).**

A Presentation to Wor. Bro. James Jones, P.A.G.D.C., P.D.F.G.M., will be made.

Communications (if any) will be read.

The Roll of Provincial Grand Officers will be called\*\*

The Secretary will report on the state of Mark and Mark Masonry in the Province.

The W.M. and W.C.N. of each Lodge will give a brief statement concerning the work of his Lodge during the past twelve months, and announce the number of Brethren present supporting him. (Brethren will rise for one Lodge only).

The Provincial Grand Treasurer will present his Accounts.

A Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year will be elected. **(No new nomination).**

Auditors for the ensuing year will be elected (Bye-Law VI). **(Present, W. Bros. W. J. Bridgwater and E. Davies).**

Two Members on the Committee of General Purposes will be elected (Bye-Law VI).

**(Present Members, W. Bros. J. S. Morris and Dr. Roden).**  
A collection for charitable purposes will be made.

The names of the Brethren who served as Stewards at the Mark Benevolent Festival in June last will be announced. **(See list).**

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master will appoint and invest his Officers.

The fees of honour from Provincial Grand Officers will be received.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master will appoint place for holding next Provincial Grand Lodge. **(Invitation from Lechmere Lodge, Worcester).**

Any other business not requiring notice will be considered. **(Thanks to entertaining Lodge).**

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be closed.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and his Officers will retire.

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\*\*EXTRACT FROM BYE-LAW IV.—"Every Provincial Grand Mark Officer not attending at the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, and not sending a valid excuse in writing for his non-attendance shall be fined five shillings



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## Provincial Officers, 1928-9

SENIOR WARDEN	...	...	...	Bro. WILLIAM SOMERS (733)
JUNIOR WARDEN	...	...	...	" G. H. FOSTON (747)
MASTER OVERSEER	...	...	...	" D. M. CHAPMAN (330)
SENIOR OVERSEER	...	...	...	" F. J. UNDERWOOD (59)
JUNIOR OVERSEER	...	...	...	" W. O. PERRY (667)
CHAPLAIN	...	...	...	" Rev. S. G. LAVERY (733)
TREASURER (To be elected)	...	...	...	" C. W. HIGGINS (330)
REGISTRAR	...	...	...	" W. CHILTON (733)
SECRETARY	...	...	...	" H. V. STANTON (330)
DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES	...	...	...	" D. OAKLEY (330)
SENIOR DEACON	...	...	...	" A. L. H. CUTLER (330) <b>Apology.</b>
JUNIOR DEACON	...	...	...	" W. H. BRISCOE (590)
INSPECTOR OF WORKS	...	...	...	" R. J. HILLIAR (59)
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES	...	...	...	" W. VICKERS, (590)
SWORD BEARER	...	...	...	" H. H. HOLLAND (747)
STANDARD BEARER	...	...	...	" W. T. SMELLIE (667) <b>Apology.</b>
" "	...	...	...	" G. HOLDER (59)
ORGANIST	...	...	...	" P. H. BUCKLER (330)
INNER GUARD	...	...	...	" S. O. DARBY (590)
STEWARD	...	...	...	" A. HOLMES (747)
"	...	...	...	" F. HOLLYHOKE (733)
TYLER	...	...	...	" OTHO SCOTT (733)

Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Wiltshire.

Dr. TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1927-8. Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	37	5	7			
" Fees of Honour	14	3	6			
" Dispersations		10	0			
" Dues as under, viz.:-						
Lechmere Lodge, No. 59	2	14	7			
Godson Lodge, No. 330	3	6	6			
Athlumney Lodge, No. 590	7	10	0			
Moseley Lodge, No. 667	1	11	6			
Perseverance Lodge, No. 733	2	5	5			
Stechford Lodge, No. 747	2	7	9			
Ark R.A.M., No. 59	7	6	6			
Abraham Green, R.A.M., No. 330	10	0	0			
Athlumney, R.A.M., No. 590 Nil						
Moseley, R.A.M., No. 667						
Stechford, R.A.M., No. 747						
" Bank Interest	14	8	0			
	6	10	0			
	£66	13	11			

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Transfer to Alms Account				5	3	0
" Donation to Shackles Collection Purchase Fund				10	10	0
" Subscription to Library and Museum				2	2	0
" Subscription to Wor. Bro. Jones Testimonial Fund				26	5	0
" Printing, Stationery, &c.				7	19	9
" Prov. G. Tyler				1	4	0
" Postages				1	13	3
" Wreath				1	1	0
" Balance in hand				10	15	11
				£66	13	11

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Alms collected at Provincial Grand Lodge	5	7	0			
" Transfer from General Account	5	3	0			
	£10	10	0			

ALMS ACCOUNT.

Examined and found correct

C. W. HIGGINS, P.M. 330, P.P.G. Regr.      W. J. BRIDGWATER, P.M., 330, P.P.G.W.

Prov. Grand Treasurer.                      ERNEST DAVIES, P.M. 330, P.G.J.W.

September 28th, 1928.

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Report for the year 1927-28.

Mark Masonry in the Province has made satisfactory progress during the past year, from the returns furnished by the various Lodges there are 22 new Members, against which we have lost 5 by resignation and 2 by death, a net increase of 15.

In the Royal Ark Mariner Degree there have been 15 new Members, whilst we have lost 4 by resignation, a net increase of 11.

The total number of subscribing Members is now given as 230 Mark Brethren and 159 Royal Ark Mariners. Due allowance, however, must be made in these figures for Brethren who are subscribing Members of more than one Lodge in the Province.

The financial position of each Lodge is reported as satisfactory.

The sympathy of the Province is extended to the Brethren of Perseverance Lodge, No. 733, in the loss by death of their Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. John Chilton, P.P.G.W.

The Province records with the greatest pleasure that at the Quaterly Communication of Grand Lodge on 5th June last, the Most Wor. Grand Master was pleased to re-appoint our Provincial Grand Master for a further period of three years.

The Province has again had the honour of Grand Lodge recognition. During the year Wor. Bro. William Somers was elected and duly invested as Grand Treasurer, and Wor. Bro. Joseph S. Morris had the honour conferred upon him of P.G.Std.B. The heartiest congratulations are extended to these Brethren.

The news that Mr. Bro. James Jones, P.A.G.D.C., had tendered his resignation as D.P.G.M., an office he had held since 1919 with distinction, was received with much regret by the Brethren. The Province records his many devoted services to Mark Masonry, coupled with the hope that his health may speedily be restored.

The Mark Benevolent Fund was again well supported, 11 Brethren qualifying as Stewards with a total contribution of £57.15.0.

The Province records its appreciation of the work done by the Provincial Grand Wardens, Wor. Bro. Ernest G. Apps and Wor. Bro. Ernest Davies, who have regularly visited the Lodges during their year of office.

The opportunity is taken of again thanking the Wor. Masters, Treasurers and Secretaries of the various Lodges for their valuable assistance in carrying on the work of the Province.

*J.H. Stanton*

Prov. G. Secretary.